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SUBJECT: DOT INTEREST IN AUSTRALIAN MEASURES TO REDUCE MOTOR
VEHICLE INJURIES AND FATALITIES.

1. DOT, AND IN PARTICULAR THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION, IS MOST INTERESTED IN RECEIVING ALERT REPORTING
(AS WELL AS ANY GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE RESEARCH REPORTS) ON
TWO PROGRAMS WHICH IT UNDERSTANDS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO SIGNIFICANT
REDUCTIONS IN INJURIES AND DEATHS.

A. MANDATORY SEAT BELT LAWS. DOT HAS ALREADY RECEIVED VERY
USEFUL REPORT BY MONASH UNIVERSITY VICTORIA, AND LENGTHY 1972
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT REPORT ON ROAD ACCIDENTS.
ANY OTHERS THAT ADDRESSEES MIGHT OBTAIN WOULD BE GREATLY APPRE-
CIATED.

B. COMMONWEALTH AND/OR STATE PROGRAMS TO CURTAIL DRUNK
DRIVING. CAN EMBASSY CONFIRM EXISTENCE OF STRONG ALCOHOL
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COUNTERMEASURES PROGRAMS? DOT HAS ONLY SKETCHY REPORTS ON

SUCH PROGRAMS, AND WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AS TO WHAT IF
ANY NEW MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN RECENT YEARS.

2. ASSUMING EXISTENCE OF ALCOHOL COUNTERMEASURES PROGRAMS, HAS
ANY RESEARCH BEEN DONE OR IS ANY UNDERWAY TO ISOLATE EFFECTS
OF SEAT BELT LAWS AND EFFECTS OF ANTI-DRINKING PROGRAM ON THE
ACHIEVED REDUCTIONS IN INJURIES AND DEATHS?

3. ANSWER TO QUESTION IN PARA 1.B. IS PRIORITY MATTER

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